more number of remote subscriber units (RSUs) etc. also reduces chances of theft. Further, coordination with Police Authorities is maintained and FIRs lodged.

Cyber crimes

2634. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cyber crimes are increasing on a rapid pace;

(b) if so, how many such cases were reported during the last year;

(c) what action is being contemplated against such crimes;

(d) whether Government are planning to impose heavy penalties and imprisonment of the people involved in such Cyber crimes; and

(e) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (e) As applications of Information Technology (IT) is rapidly growing in the country involving every sector of the society, several forms of cyber crimes are coming to notice. Crimes of certain form the rapidly decreasing while some new forms of crimes are being reported. Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000 being in place, provisions already exist to impose appropriate penalties and imprisonment to criminals based on the nature of offence.